

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

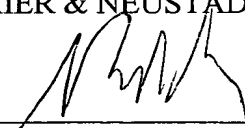
Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement set forth during the interview of November 12, 2003, and elects Claims 1-3 for prosecution in the present application. Claims 4-10 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 2 has been canceled, and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into Claim 1. Claim 1 further recites that the actuator selection switch is for selecting fewer than all of the electric motors to be driven by means of the auxiliary power in the emergency operation state. Basis for this can be found in the description on page 12 of the specification that only the specific electric motors selected by the actuator selecting switch 54 operate when connection to the auxiliary batter 42 is recognized. As discussed during the interview, this provides the advantage that the auxiliary battery can have a smaller capacity than the main battery (page 3, lines 16-22). Applicants note that the Examiner agreed, during aforementioned interview, to give a claim of this scope favorable consideration over the prior art to Chappell et al. (see paragraph 2 of the Office Action). In view of this agreement, and the withdrawal of Claims 4-10, the outstanding rejections are believed to be moot.

Applicant therefore believes that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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